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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSES LOW-INCOME HOUSING LAW

REF: A) MANAGUA 416, B) MANAGUA 621

SUMMARY

[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary: The National Assembly approved a housing law to provide affordable housing for low-income families and overcome a housing st
PASSAGE OF HOUSING LAW

[1](#)2. (U) On February 25, the National Assembly approved a housing Law (Law 677/2009) to provide incentives for the construction of housing for l

[1](#)3. (U) The Social Fund for Housing (FOSOFI) will administer all government funding, subsidies, donations, and loan agreements with banks and c
CONCERNS OVER PROPERTY RIGHTS

[1](#)4. (SBU) Foreign and local property owners are concerned that the law would allow the GON to expropriate private property for low-income housi
FINANCING

[1](#)5. (SBU) Real estate developers doubt the GON will be able to acquire funding to finance and build low-income housing. Jose de Jesus Rojas, Ge

[1](#)6. (SBU) Alfonso Silva, President of the National Chamber of Housing (CADUR) and supporter of the law, asserted that the GON is obtaining func

PARTISANSHIP

[1](#)7. (U) The Government of Venezuela (GOV) is helping the GON to build and finance low income homes through ALBA-CARUNA, a financial cooperative

[1](#)8. (U) In 2008, the board of directors of the state-owned National Social Security Institute (INSS) approved three loans totaling \$2.5 millior
COMMENT

[1](#)9. (SBU) Industry representatives see opportunities to support the GON's efforts to build low-income housing, while at the same time stimulati
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